

17—4.2 (231) State plan on aging.

4.2(1) Authority. The Iowa department on aging is designated as the sole state unit on aging in Iowa for developing and administering a state plan on aging or state plan amendment pursuant to the federal Older Americans Act. The Iowa commission on aging is designated as the policymaking body of the sole state unit on aging in Iowa and is authorized to approve or disapprove a state plan or state plan amendment developed by the department.

4.2(2) State plan on aging. The department shall develop for commission consideration a two-, three-, or four-year state plan on aging in compliance with the Older Americans Act and Iowa Code chapter 231. The department shall develop the state plan on aging in accordance with the procedures and associated instructions, guidance, and direction specified by the Administration on Aging.

4.2(3) State plan amendment. The department may, in its discretion, develop and submit to the commission for consideration an amendment to the state plan on aging at any time.

4.2(4) State plan on aging and state plan amendment review process. Once the department develops the state plan on aging or state plan amendment, the department shall comply with the following chronological review and comment process:

a. The department shall hold at least one public hearing on the proposed state plan or state plan amendment; and

b. The department shall submit the state plan or state plan amendment to the commission for consideration. The commission shall approve or disapprove the state plan or state plan amendment after reviewing the plan and public comments; and

c. The department shall submit a state plan or state plan amendment approved by the commission to the governor for approval and signature; and

d. The department shall submit a state plan or state plan amendment approved by the governor to the Administration on Aging for approval at least 45 days before the effective date of the state plan or state plan amendment.

4.2(5) State plan on aging or state plan amendment not approved. If a state plan or state plan amendment is not approved by the commission, the governor, or the Administration on Aging, the department may, in its discretion, table or revise the proposed state plan or state plan amendment. If the department revises the proposed state plan or state plan amendment, the department shall follow the comment and approval process outlined in subrule 4.2(4).

4.2(6) Technical changes to state plan on aging. The commission or the governor may, in either party's discretion, make technical corrections to a submitted state plan or state plan amendment prior to approving it.